

SENATE No. 1418

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony D. Galluccio

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to energy efficiency disclosure forms.

PETITION OF:

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Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY DISCLOSURE FORMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, to ensure that property owners, construction supervisors, architects and contracting
3 authorities are aware of energy efficiency opportunities and strategies for reducing energy
4 consumption and carbon emissions, within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this
5 act, the department of energy resources, jointly with the board of building regulations and
6 standards, shall (i) formulate an environmental efficiency disclosure form setting forth
7 environmentally efficient building standards, designs and construction materials currently
8 available that would reduce energy consumption in a completed building or structure and (ii)
9 establish a threshold for the value of the work being performed that would require submission of
10 the disclosure form. The disclosure form shall be updated at least every twelve months to
11 incorporate the latest energy conservation technologies.

12 (b) The disclosure form shall be provided to each local building authority and shall be used as
13 part of the building permit process established by the state building code, but no additional fees
14 shall be imposed or collected in connection with the form. Submission of the disclosure form
15 shall be a pre-condition of issuance of a building permit. No building permit shall issue until the
16 local building authority has received the completed disclosure form, signed under the pains and
17 penalties of perjury by the property owner and any construction supervisor seeking to obtain a
18 building permit. In the case where a construction supervisor is required to sign the disclosure
19 form, the construction supervisor may authorize an architect licensed under chapter 112 of the
20 general laws to execute said form in his/her stead.

21 (c) Within ninety days of the creation of the disclosure form and standards set forth above, the
22 board of building regulations and standards shall adopt regulations requiring the submission of
23 the disclosure form as part of the building permit process and shall conform the building code to
24 the provisions of this act.